64th YEAR

Richmond Times-Dispatch

WARDS OF NATION TO GRIDIRON CLUB

Members of Cabinet, Congressmen and Others at Festive Board.

"UNCLE SAM'S JUBILEE" **DESCRIBES GATHERING**

President's Injunction to Refrain From Discussion of War Issues Strictly Regarded.

ONE NEW MEMBER INITIATED

Skits Portray Gardner's Idea of Army

WASHINGTON, December 12:-Mem-bers of the Cabinet, Congressmen, liplomatists and leaders of all activi-

on to the American people to refrain the people of these States."

FOUND DEAD IN MODEST ROOM

Emory Edwards Has Deeds for Property leave which "has sentenced more good colored voters to the levees and cotton fields than any other perenicious legislation."

NEW YORK, December 12.—Examination of the personal effects of Emory

He also deplored the new primary ws, and to the air of "Old Uncle Ned"

"There was an old delegate; his name was Uncle Ned; He lived long ago, long ago; He went to conventions whenever he was bid,

"Then lay down the shovel and the hoe,
And hang up the fiddle and the bow;
There's no more work for poor Uncle
Ned;

The primaries laid him low."

FARMER ANOTHER WARD
WITH A COMPLAINT The farmer was another ward with natural causes. complaint; he wanted a bunch of reenbacks. Up home he had a shed all of squashes, and wanted the Treas-

ury to issue circulating notes on them.
Two other wards were Colonel Watter-son and Colonel Harvey. They had no grievances, but expressed their con-tentment in a song, the refrain of

and been laid on business paper, cnew-ing gum, billiard-rooms and circuses while whiskey had gone Scot free, be-cause the bill had been passed in Oc-tober and the election was in Novem-her, and in a burst of satire he sang

"If you have to lay a tax, Don't put it onto rye.
Put it onto luxuries,
But keep it off of rye.
Stick it onto chewing gum,

Or billiard cues, says I; But, for the love of Mike, I beg you, Keep it off rye."

REALISTIC PRIZE FIGHT IS STAGED IN HALL A realistic prize fight was staged in

A realistic prize fight was staged in the centre of the dining hall, and the spectators were treated to a lively mill. The stake was "a large house located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," and the principals were "Kid Democracy" and "Old G. O. P.," the referee being "Bull Moose," who announced his ability to lick both of the two old parties. His decisions had never been questioned, "even when overruled by the Supreme Court."

A moving picture show enlivened the proceedings, representing "the greatest deliberative body on earth; the United States Senate" in session, but the general effect was greatly marred, first, by a strenuous objection to such an undignified encroachment upon the body, and when that had been re-moved by the insertion of its own name into the advertisement, by the fact that Senator Ollie James persisted In standing up and thereby blotting out the remainder of the picture.

Following its invariable rule, the Gridiron Club initiated, in the presence of its many guests, a new member— William E. Brigham, Washington corwilliam b. Brighten Transcript, who was described as "a journalist who would like to get into an associawho was used that the was "in questions, he said that he was "in pretty good standing in Secretary Bryan's anteroom."

Recevelt song, to the tune of the control of the con

A Roosevelt song, to the tune of "I'm on My Way to Mandalay," followed with this chorus: "I'm on my way to Oyster Bay, Beneath my sheltering roof I've got

Of things gone wrong, I'm no longer trusted, They have got me flustered. And the Big Stick's busted. That's why I'm on the way to Oyster

Bay, I've come to say good-by."

SOME OLD SPIRITS

ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER

"Old Home Week" brought together
some old spirits under the kindly eye
of the Goddess of Liberty on an elevated perch, who had come to welcome them from her station on the dome of the Capitol. Uncle Joe Cannon was among the first arrivals, and when asked how long he was going to stay

replied:
"Well, I didn't buy no return ticket." Cy Sulloway, another returning Con-gressman, announced that up his way (Continued on Last Page.)

SERVIAN KING AT FRONT

PARIS. December 12.—The inspiring presence and words of King Peter of Servia are given as chief causes of successes recently achieved by the Servian army, says a dispatch from Nish to the Matin.

"Soldiers! Heroes! Your old King has come to Jie with you for the fatheriand, for Servia. Let is drive out the enemy."

The words, says the Matin's dispatch, were pronounced by King Peter before withe order for the general attack was given which resulted in the Austrians defeat. According to the Nish dispatch, the King's exclamation had the effect of a train of gunpowder, and the unforgettable battle began before Topola, cradle of the Karageorgevitch dynasty, ten miles from Mount Olenatz, where rest the ashes of the Servian hero's royal family.

BOOST FOR "DIXIE HIGHWAY"

Governors of Several States Asked to Organize Association.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 12.

Governor Ralston Issued a call today to the Governors of Kentucky,
Tennessee, Georgia, Illinois and Florida
to meet in Chattanooga on January 11
to consider organizing a North and
South Highway Association. Its purpose would be to encourage the "Dixte
Highway," proposed to lead from Chicago through Indianapolis. Louisville,
Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and
Macon to Jacksonville, Fla.

The Governor was asked to issue the
call by the Hoosier Motor Club, of Indianapolis.

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FOUND DEAD IN MODEST ROOM

Emory Edwards New Deeds for Property Worth Hundreds of Millions.

NEW YORK, December 12.—Examination of the personal effects of Emory Edwards, forty-three years old, who was found dead in his modest boarding-house, revealed old deeds and documents indicating he was the representative of the Edwards estate, which at one time owned the site of the post-office on Park Row and the Astor House and an \$8,000,000 estate in Holland. It was estimated the property mentioned in the deeds in Edwards's room now is worth several hundred million dollars.

Edwards came to New York about three weeks ago, and attracted attentians and the Russian lines northeast of Lodz Wednesdy and Thursdey and Thursde

Discovered by Vigilant Customs Officer

Two other wards were Colonel Watterson and Colonel Harvey. They had no
grievances, but expressed their contentment in a song, the refrain of
which was:

"I've come back, come back;

"I've come back, Dear Leader, to
thee."

Among other wards, Alaska wanted
to be shielded from exploitation of
capitalists; Hawaii called attention to
Queen Liliuokalani's lack of pension;
Porto Rice wanted more government
jobs and a duty on sugar, and Filipino
wup and be independent. When the latter was chided and told that he must
not get hasty. I'm getting musty."

The Corment of German army officer, whom
he extricated from hiding in a huge
capitalist; Hawaii called attention to
gave orders that the padlocks be
broken. When the lid was removed
a man, later identified as a German
officer, was lifted out of the box. He
was removed to the Gravesend police
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that attack was progressing, but Russian headquariers claim the Teutons
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retreat of the Germans. The invaders,
however, now are much stronger than
when they made the earlier effort to
reach Warsaw.

BIG FIRE IN IN BIRMINGHAM

Flames for Awhile Threaten to Destroy Retail Business Section.

of Birmingham early Saturday morning. The loss is approximately \$500, 500, borne chiefly by the Steele-Smith Department Store, in which the fire originated. The loss is partially covered by insurance. Steele-Smith will engage temporary quarters until a new building can be erected.

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Flying sparks, spread over a wide area by a stiff wind, started a dozen small blazes in the retail section of PETROGRAD December 12 (via Longuette PETROGRAD December 12 (via Longuette PETROGRAD December 12 (via Longuette PETROGRAD December 13 (via Longuette PETROGRAD December 13 (via Longuette PETROGRAD December 13 (via Longuette PETROGRAD December 14 (via Longuette PETROGRAD December 15 (Birmingham.

Many shop girls returned to their work to find firemen with ice-coated helmets working among the charred

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MONTGOMERY, ALA., December 12.
—Sentences of seven years each were imposed by United States Judge Henry D. Clayton in the Federal Court here upon John Williams, Harry Marks, Frank Moore and John Todd, convicted of bringing explosives into Alabama from Georgia. They will be taken to the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta on Monday. The men were arrested here last March, when a quantity of dynamite, nitroglycerin and burglars' tools were found on Todd. Williams, Moore and Marks are under indictment at

and Marks are under indictment at Tuscaloosa charged with robbing an A. G. S. passenger train at Bibbville, Ala., in September, 1913. EXPELLED FROM PALESTINE

Many Members of Religious Orders Ar-

MALTA, December 12 (via London).

—The steamer Caledonian, which arrived from Port Said to-day; had on board many members of religious orders, mostly French. Sixty-six nuns were landed here, but the remainder will proceed to France on the steamer. A majority of the people were ex-pelled from Palestine by the Turks, while the others fied because of the

TURKS BOMBARD BATUM

One Hundred Russians Reported Killed and Numbers Wounded.

LONDON, December 12 .- A dispatch received here from Constantinople by way of Berlin says a Turkish fleet yesterday bombarded the environs of Batum, the Russian seaport on the eastern coast of the Black Sea. One hundred Russians were killed and a number were wounded by the fire:

Eirst announcement of the Pope's efforts for a Christmas truce came through the German Official Press Bureau two days ago, which said Germany was agreeable to the proposal, provided the others accepted it.

Yesterday the press bureau said Russia had declined.

COMPINE Presence Chief Cause of Re-OF GERMAN FORCES

Something Wrong With Timing of Operations for Relief of Cracow.

INDIVIDUAL ARMIES MEET SHARP REVERSES

Capture of Lodz by Teutons Is Without Spectacular Sequel.

BOTH PROFESS SATISFACTION

Difficult to Estimate Precisely Significance of Events in East.

LONDON, December 12 -The close of var's eighteenth week finds stirring diate importance. Since military headfaction with the situation, and are giving outsiders only scant opportunities of forming independent judgment is now declared by British commenta

million dollars.

Edwards came to New York about three weeks ago, and attracted attention in the neighborhood in which he took lodgings because of his expensive clothes and jewelry. It is believed he came here to represent the Edwards estate.

Physicians said death was due to natural causes.

GERMAN HIDES IN TRUNK

tations on the capture of Louz. the invaders made fierce onslaughts against the Russian lines northeast of Lodz, Wednesday and Thursday, in attempts to break through towards Warsaw, they appear to have accomplished little. It is considered possible, however, that the Germans now are placing chief reliance on the effort to turn the right flank of Grand Duke Nicholas's army through efforts of the invading forces pushing forward from the direction of Milawa, near the East Prussian border.

ATTACK PROGRESSING, IS GERMAN CLAIM

tions of larger operations soon.

The Germans who surrounded Ypres a month ago still are attacking the town. Their onslaught yesterday was particularly violent, and they captured Retail Business Section.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 12.—
Over 250 persons, a majority of them shop girls, are without positions as the result of fire which threatened to destroy the retail business section of Birmingham early Saturday morning. The loss is approximately \$500,-000, borne chiefly by the Steele-Smith trenches there, this change sensibly increases the menace to the line of com-munication between Metz and the somewhat issolated German forces at

PETROGRAD, December 12 (via London).—Russian military observers con-tend that the Germans in withdraw-ing before the partial successes of the Russians along the battle front north FOUR GET SEVEN YEARS EACH

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hitherto has been cramped by the fallback of their own troops upon

three weeks is now being augmented. it is said, by day and night attacks on the Russian positions between Lowicz and the River Vistula. Constant Ger-

Efforts of Pope Fail, "Owing to Opposi- dient. tion of Certain Power.

ROME, December 12 .- The Vaticar authorities to-day made public a docu ment setting forth the efforts made by the Pope to obtain a truce in the European war during the Christmas

The ecorts of the Pontiff, unfortu-nately, failed, according to the Vatican announcement, "owing to the opposi-tion of a certain power."

First announcement of the Popo's

TAKING OFF THE BANDAGES



The New Liniment Is Getting Uncle on His Feet in Short Order.

TO TAKE UP PROHIBITION AND SUFFRAGE IN HOUSE

Rules Committee Will Permit Consideration of Two Measures Before Christmas Recess.

lobson Constitutional Amendment Will Be Called Up on December 22. Jubilation Among Advocates of Two Causes of Prospect of Hearing.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, December 12.—The Rules Committee of the House to-day decided to permit the consideration by the House before adjournment is taken for the Christmas holidays of both the Hobson constitutional amendment for prohibition, and the Mondell reso-lution providing for an amendment ex-tending the right of suffrage to women.

After so many years of agitation by the advocates of both these causes, there was great jubilation among them to-day over the prospect at least of getting a hearing before Congress. The Hobson prohibition amendment is to be brought up on December 22. Eight hours will be allowed for debate. in voting for the consideration of the Hobson proposal for nation-wide pro-

vote to adopt the resolution will be assured. The general impression is that the resolution will not pass.

The prohibition leaders expect much advancement of the prohibition cause the enemy's aircraft. The air cruisers from the enemy's aircraft. The air cruisers and mines, it directs the air cruisers to attack these craft and to countermine, and at the same time protects the cruisers from the enemy's aircraft. The air cruisers from the consideration to be given by

Chairman Henry, of the Rules Com mittee, said to-day that the House could be kept in session until disposi-tion is made of both the prohibition and the suffrage resolution.

President Wilson is opposed to the Mondell resolution, having frequently declared his belief that suffrage for women is a State rather than a nahe last tional question. Because of his opposi-mented, idention, there is considerable doubt acks on whether the necessary two-thirds vote Lowicz can be obtained.

Secretary Bryan issued a statement and the River Vistula. Constant German reinforcements from other parts of the battle front are reported to be entering the struggle in this locality.

NO CHRISTMAS TRUCE

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Secretary Bryan issued a statement to-day in regard to the prohibition and suffrage questions, in which he said he was interested in seeing the Democratic party "take the moral side of both questions." But he makes it clear that he does not think the passage of the amendments at this time expedient

HENRY VAN DYKE SAILS

American Minister to the Netherlands Returns to His Post.

TWO HUNDRED AIRCRAFT GREATLY NEEDED BY NAVY

Bureau, Makes Recommendations to House Committee.

After so many years of agitation by the advocates of both these causes, there was great jubilation among them to-day over the prospect at least of getting a hearing before Congress. The Hobson prohibition amendment is to be brought up on December 22. Eight hours will be allowed for debate, and there will be unlimited opportunity for amendment. Members of the Rules Committee were unanimous in voting for the consideration of the Hobson proposal for nation-wide prohibition.

The unanimity of the committee, however, is not to be taken as an indication that the regulsite two-thirds vote to adopt the resolution will be assured. The general impression is that the resolution will not pass.

The prohibition leaders causes. It would require an appropriation of \$2,200,000 to bring the aeronautical branch of the navy up to the proper standard of efficiency, Captain Bristol told the committee. Its purposes he describes as follows:

"The air navy of the United States must consist of aeroplanes, semirigid or nonrigid airships, the destroyer, cruiser and battleship of the air, respectively. The aeroplane will be used for scouting to discover the enemy's fleet especially submarines and mines, and to attack the dirigibles and aeroplanes of the enemy. It is the torpedo boat of the air against the airships cruisers and battleships. Having discovered the subarines and mines, it directs the air cruisers to attack these craft and to countermine, and at the also will lay mines, probably will be used to drop aerial torpedoes on the surface ships of the enemy and be utilized over land for reconnoissance and dropping bombs.

AIR NAVY ESSENTIAL PART OF FIGHTING FORCE

"The uses of which aircraft can be put in war will be better known after the European war. It seems that the air navy will be just as essential a part of the country's fighting force as the battleships and submarines. The front of our fleet in action has now become a vertical plant, with sub-marines and mines beneath the surfact and aircraft in the air. To be successful against any enemy the country must have command of the air the same as command of the sea.

"Any nation that has suitable air-

craft could detect submarines," he added. "The aeroplane can see submarines and mines very plainly, guide the dirigible to them which can de-scend close to the water, drop high explosives to countermine or destroy the submarine. We can pick up the mines at their usual depth, even fol-low the ambor line of the mine down Christmas

NEW YORK, December 12.—Henry van Dyke, American minister to the Netherlands, sailed for his post to-day.

Eye trouble was the chief reason for his visit here, he said.

When he arrived here about two weeks ago he refused to comment on a report that he was the bearer of a press Busaid Gerproposal, lit, said Russid Russi

Captain Bristol, Chief of Aeronautical Diary of Dead Soldier Eloquent in Testimony of Desperate At-

Front of Fleet in Action Now a Ver- Says Artillery of Enemy Wonderfully

Front of Fleet in Action Now a Vertical Plant, With Submarines Beneath Water, War Vessels on Surface and Aircraft Above.

WASHINGTON, December 12.—Two hundred naval aircraft—100 for active service and 100 to be held in reserve—are urgently needed by the United States Navy in its plans for national defense, according to recommendations of Captain Mark L. Bristol, chief of the Aeronautical Bureau of the Navy Department, submitted to-day to the House Naval Committee.

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"The battle continues: it began again at about 5:45 A. M. I crossed the we advanced at the double, scrambling through ditches under the most in-the tributed in Paris and left have been defeated, and that the Germans are now reduced to the member of the riverse of the observers, however, while frankly

order we reached the fifth trench. We have not the slightest idea of the genhave not the slightest idea of the general situation. I have no knowledge of where the enemy are, nor what forces we have against us, and there is no means of obtaining information. At every line, through which I passed, I have discovered that our losses have been colossal, and in no case proportionate to the advantage gained. The artillery of the enemy is wonderfully well handled, and is altogether too strong, and as ours have not been able to put any of their guns out of action, being not too well served, the progress of our infantry has no effect, and only imposes upon it heavy and useless losses.

FRENCH NOW OCCUPY

WEST BANK OF YSER CANAL PARIS, Deember 12.—The French official bulletin given out in Paris this afternoon says French troops now occupy the west bank of the Yser Canal. Artillery engagements, all of them resulting more or less advantageously to the French, are reported in the region of Arras, near Nampoel in the Alsne, in the region of Perthes, near the forest of LaGrurie, on the heights of the Meuse and in the Vosges. The text of the communication follows:

"The enemy has completed the evacuation of the west bank of the Yser

imposes upon it heavy and useless losses.

CARE OF WOUNDED LEAVES

MUCH TO BE DESIRED

"The care of the wounded also leaves much to be desired. At Dixmude I saw over forty of our wounded lying on the ground, having received no attention. Our ambulance train is being kept uselessly waiting on the other side of the Yser. It is also impossible to receive our rations regularly. For days now we have had nothing warm to eat or drink. The quantity of bread served out to us is altogether insufficient. All our reserve rations are expended to the state of beasts. Personally, I have nothing left to eat, and I am in a terrible condition.

"October 25, we had a comparatively quiet night. Our command of the bridge over the Yser is practically astared. The battle raged all day long. We have received no orders as yet. The struggle between the enemy's artillery of large calibre and the other used for firing upon aviators. In this same region we have blown up a block-hold our reserved and the Moselis there is nothing to report, and in the Wosses there have been artillty engage.

"The enemy has completed the evacuation of the west bank of the Yser Canal to the north of the house of the ferryman, and we occupy this bank.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Allies Regain Possession of **Extended Section Along** Yser Canal.

SEVERAL TRENCHES OF ENEMY BLOWN UP Front of Forces Advancing To-

Two Places. TEUTONS RETIRING IN DISORDER

ward Warsaw Pierced in

Presence of Servia's Aged Ruler Leads to Throwing Back of

nounced that three German batteries nad been destroyed and others silenced; that several German trenches nad been blown up; that the allies had made successful infantry attacks, and that they had regained possession of an extended section along the west bank of the Yser Canal, in Belgium, to capture which the Germans engaged n the most desperate and deadly fight-

ng in the war in the west. Petrograd dispatches state the front of the German forces which have been advancing toward Warsaw from the northwest has been plerced in two places. The French official statement, referring to this same phase of the eastern campaign, says that violent German attacks have been defeated; and that the Germans are retiring in disorder. Along the German centre, west of Warsaw, it is said, the attacks the invaders have been repulsed

west of Warsaw, it is said, the attacks of the invaders have been repulsed with heavy losses.

The Servians are said by the French War Office to have pushed further their newly won advantage in the fighting with the Austrians, crossing the Kolubara River, in Northwest Servia, and capturing two towns.

The official German statement says that attacks of the allies in France and Belgium have been repulsed, and the Germans have gained ground near Arras and in the Argonne region.

In a daring Turkish naval bombardment of the Russian port of Batum, near the eastern end of the Black Sea, reported from Constantinople, it was said 100 Russians were kileld. The dispatches did not intimate the character of the attacking vessels. GERMAN CRUSSER DEFUGE IN INLET The German cruiser Dresden was said to have taken refuge from

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It has become apparent that renewed
military activity in France, the precise nature of which has been left in
doubt, has not yet attained the dimensions of a general assault. Berlin is
speculating whether the allies, taking
advantage of Germany's preoccupation
in the struggle with Russia, will, seize
the opportunity to begin a general
movement.

Reports from French and English
sources state the Germans are being

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Sources state the Germans are being pushed back slowly here and there, as though the present operations of the allies were in the nature of testing

attacks. The campaign in Eastern Prussia f

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WEST BANK OF YSER CANAL

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any result except more enormous losses on our side.

"October 26—The night was horrible. It poured with rain incessantly. I was frozen cold, and was obliged to stand